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### THE JUNE BUG.

Thou stupid blockhead, blundering in my Is not the great world wide enough, but Must quit the dusky night where thou'rt

And bang thy doltish head 'gainst every-Thou meddling fool! thou'rt ever out of

No meeting's free from thy disturbing No child too timid for thy scaring hum; No lady's nerves too strung, nor hair too

For thee to tangle it with scratchy claws-There in my ink again! And now, with pondering look and drabbled Thou scrawl'st rude lines across an un-

stained page. And yet, poor thing! thou dost not mean

The light attracts thee, and thou too How like we are! This dazzling room to Why, that's the sunlit world; and we poor

Do bang our heads 'gainst every wall of it. And wonder why they ache. Our blundering feet Tramp roughshod over nerves that twinge

We meddle daily with the mysteries, To frighten timid souls with buzzing talk Of laws of unknown things, and life, and death;

And many a page lies stained with thoughts more rude Than beetles' legs could draw, and less

And yet, from out the gloom of our first flight, The primal twilight of our ignorance, 'Twas shining of a light that called us in.

Pardon, fellow-blunderer! Mine's the fault. Impatient of the things I do myself, The fashion only altered. Blunderers both! The one with open book and bruised heart. The other with his broken wings and feet.

There, I'll blow out the light; it troubles thee,
And here's a bit of wood to dry thee on. Rest thee a moment till thy dazed head clears; Then (there's the window open) go in

And may the gentle God, who made us both, When next I blunder in His mighty face, Do so with me. -William J. Long, in Outlook.

## JUST HIS LUCK

By F. A. Stearns. .........

KNEW it would be so," grumbled Elbert Corey. "It's just my

"Don't say that, my boy," said his teacher, Mr. Holcomb, who chanced to overhear the remark "There is no such thing as luck in this world. We are architects of our own fortunes. to hide his chagrin. Things may go against a boy or a man for a long time, but if he is industrious and persevering he is bound to triumph in the end." But Elbert was in no mood to profit

such thing as luck," he said. "I tried as hard for the prize as Frank Bentley did, and I felt pretty sure of getting it; but it was awarded him, and my name wasn't even mentioned." Mr. Holcomb placed his hand kind-

ly upon the boy's head. "Never mind, Elbert," he said.

"Profit by the lesson. You'll do better Bentley is a confidential clerk nownext term

"But I shall not be here next term," was the reply. "Didn't you know that I was going to leave the academy,

"Why, no," said Mr. Holcomb, in surprise. "How's that?"

"There are so many of us at home that mother thinks she cannot afford to keep me at school any longer, and out?" that I ought to help support the rest. as I am the oldest. So when she yesterday she got word that he had I-" found one in the same store where Frank is to be employed."

"And so you and Frank are going to claimed Elbert, in horror. the city together?"

"Yes, sir."

"Well, it will be the beginning of a andnew life for you. You will be subjected to many temptations of which you palled at the idea his companion's now have little idea, and whether you stand or fall rests with yourself. Let me give you a few words of advice. Shall I tell you why, in my opinion, haps you'd like to make some money. you failed to secure the prize, and why for I know you're getting deeper into Frank won it?"

"If you please, sir." "It was because your efforts were spasmodic, and his quiet and steady. not. Many a man never learns to properly utilize his natural abilities. able to pay for some time to come." Let it not be so with you, Elbert. In the new life which you are about before you: Luck is only another name for hard, well-directed work."

Elbert was not convinced by these words. He was much disappointed by his failure to secure the handsome playing the greatest proficiency in now came up and entered into convermathematics. He was of a mercurial sation with the two young men. temperament, was easily depressed and as easily elated, and he telt, as he minutes later, leaving Brown and tally depressed, that luck was against liards.

which we have related, the two boys, room which he and Frank Bentley oc-Elbert Corey and Frank Bentley, be- capied in common. Here he found gan their business careers in the office Frank awaiting him. of the great hardware establishment

Here, as at school, they soon became another-"

their employers because they were any reason why the firm should over bright and intelligent and showed a look me entirely

natural aptitude for their work. became of real value to the firm, who Brown, and-" of six months.

"Just my luck," grumbled Elbert enough fellow in his way." Corey, who had just begun his new career with an enthusiasm that would Bert." To dazzle at my lamp, and burn thy wings; have made him quite as successful as "I know you meant well; but don't bind thy goggle eyes with too much his friend had it only lasted—"just let's say anything more about it

> "Of course, you do," said Winston managed somehow to get into the good graces of Mr. Holt. Why, the position he's been given is mine by rights. I've earned it, and I'd have had it if Holt wasn't so strongly influenced by his personal likes and dislikes. I don't wonder that you're mad, justly, and he determined that he Corey. Bentley is getting nearly twice the salary that you are now, and

there's no justice in it." Winston Brown was five years Elbert's senior, and was by no means a desirable companion for the boy. He was a man of dissipated habits, and this was the true reason for his nonpromotion. Indeed, he would have been discharged from the firm's employ long since had it not been for the fact that he was a relative of the junior partner, Mr. Redfield.

Elbert had never particularly liked of it." him, but these words of sympathy, as he considered them, were very grateful, and he began to think that Brown was a better fellow than he had sup-

This was the beginning of an intimacy between them, and under his Frank's memorandum. Brown hastily new associate's influence Elbert soon | thrust it into his vest pocket, saying: became so negligent of his duties that he was at last very sharply reprimanded by the firm.

"By George, you're in hard luck, Corey!" said Winston Brown to him that evening as they left the store together. "It's rough that you should get such a blowing up on the very second promotion. You've not been treated fairly."

"Frank Bentley promoted again!" exclaimed Elbert, in astonishment. "You must be mistaken; I haven't heard anything about it!"

"Oh, no, I'm not mistaken. It only happened an hour ago. I chanced to be in the office at the time, and I heard Mr. Holt tell him that he could have the place of Tom Marvin, who is going into business for himself. That means a couple of hundred a year more salary.'

"Well, I'm glad to see Frank getting along so well," said Elbert, trying

"Of course you are. But you'd be gladder to see yourself getting along, wouldn't you?" laughed Brown. "But never mind, your chance will come yet. I say," he continued, with a searching glance at his companion's "I don't know about there being no face, "I should think you'd want to get even with the firm for the way they've treated you."

"I do," replied Elbert, his face flushing with anger. "I'd do anything in the world to get square with them. I've been treated very shabbily."

"So you have. Well, maybe I can help you. Who knows? Say, Corey, or will be to-morrow, when Marvin

"Well, he will know the combination of the safe." "Yes; what of that?"

"Why, can't you find it out? You room with him.' "What good will it do me to find it

"It will be money in your pocket. You find out the combination, and tell learned that Mr. Bentley had obtained me what it is-that's all you have to a place for Frank in the city she asked do. I'll attend to the rest, and you him to look for one for me, too, and shall have your share of whatever

> "You don't mean to say you're thinking of robbing the safe?" ex-

> "Hush! I didn't say so, did I? Just find out the combination for me, "I will not do it," said the boy, ap-

words suggested. "All right," said Brown; "then let us change the subject. I thought per-

debt every day; but I suppose you know your own business best."

It was true that Elbert was in debt. He had for some time been living be-He economized his forces, and you did youd his means, and now owed more money than it was likely he would be "It isn't worth while pursuing the subject any further," concluded to commence, keep this truth always Brown, with an air of indifference. "Besides, here comes my friend Jack

Hammond, and I suppose he wants me to play a game of billiards with him." Jack Hammond was a flashilydressed man of about 30, whose acgold medal offered by the principal of quaintance Brown had made in some the Elmdale academy to the pupil dis- barroom scarcely a week before. He

Elbert took his departure a few had felt many times before when men- Hammond to play their game of bil-

Angry with the whole world, him-A few days after the conversation self included, Elbert returned to the

"Congratulate me, Ellect," was his of Holt & Redfield, in New York city. friend's cordial greeting. "I've had

general favorites. Their fellow em- "Another promotion-I know it." ployes liked them because they were was the surly response. "Well, I'm dience seated itself, and the confirma-

"Your turn will come," said Frank, In his business life Frank displayed cheerfully. "Perhaps I can help you. the same qualities that made him suc- Now, will you let me give you a little cessful at school. He worked quietly, advice, Bert? I think you are getting steadily and perseveringly, and soon altogether too intimate with Winston

showed their appreciation of his "I don't want any of your advice," worth by promoting him at the end interrupted Elbert. "I can manage my own affairs. Brown is a good

"I only spoke for your own good

"I know you meant well; but don't my luck! Here I am, still at the foot What's that you're scribbling?" And of the ladder, and I'm sure I deserve Elbert arose and looked over his promotion just as much as Frank friend's shoulder. "3-16-15. What does that mean?"

"It's the safe combination. Brown, one of the clerks, to whom he learned it just before I left the store. addressed the remark. "You're twice and I put it down for fear I might the fellow that Bentley is; but he has forget it. Of course you will not speak of it to anyone.

"Certainly not, Frank." Elbert Corey lay awake until long after midnight, his mind filled with envious and revengeful thoughts. He believed that he had been treated unwould not bear his wrongs patiently. In the morning he found an opportunity to take Brown aside and ask

"What did you want the safe combination for?'

"Have you got it?" asked the man, eagerly.

"Perhaps I have." "Then let me have it. I promise you I won't get you into any scrape.

and if the scheme I have in my mind works you will make a good thing "I don't want to get Bentley into

trouble." "That's all right. What is the combination?"

In reply Elbert handed him a slip of paper upon which he had copied "Mum's the word!"

It was not until he had given up the paper that the boy realized the seriousness of the crime he had been persuaded to commit. He had betrayed his friend's trust, he had perhaps made himself the accomplice of a thief. Yet he could not believe that same day that Bentley receives his Brown really intended to rob the safe But for what other purpose could he want the combination?"

Elbert returned to his desk, his brain in a whirl. Several times that day he tried to get an opportunity to speak with Brown, but the fellow seemed to purposely avoid him. He returned home that night a very unhappy boy, and slept but little.

"You're wanted in the office, Corey," said one of the clerks to him on his arrival at the store the next morning. 'Something's up, but I don't know

In the private office of the firm Elbert found Mr. Holt, Frank Bentley and-to his great surprise-Brown's friend, Hammond.

"Corey," was the senior partner's abrupt greeting, "do you know where Winston Brown is?" "N-no, sir," stammered the boy.

"Well, I can tell you. He is in jail. for the He was caught last night in the act of robbing the safe. This man"-indicating Hammond-"who is a detective, arrested him. We have suspected him of robbing us of small sums for many weeks, and for the last fortnight he has been under the surveillance of Mr.

"Otherwise Hammond," added that individual. "I saw you give him the paper containing the combinationyou didn't imagine I was near, did you -and here it is. Do you deny your Four trains weekdays, three Sundays,

handwriting?" "No," said Elbert. "I-I wrote it.

but-"I do not think you realized the enormity of the crime you were committing," interrupted Mr. Holt, "or I should place you under arrest. But your friend Bentley has interceded in your behalf, and I am going to give you the benefit of the doubt which exists. You may remain in my employ, Corey, but you will be watched, and should I find you unworthy of my leniency I shall show you no mercy. You may go."

For many weeks Elbert knew that ne was under surveillance, but he felt that he had had a narrow escape, and had no right to complain. He resolved to profit by the lesson he had received. and he succeeded so well that at the expiration of a twelvemonth he was promoted to a position only second to that held by Bentley.

"I used to be always complaining of my ill luck, Frank," he said, "and the more I complained the worse luck I had. But just as soon as I put my shoulder to the wheel everything seemed to change for the better. wish I'd made up my mind sooner to profit by those words of Mr. Holcomb's: 'Luck is only another name for hard, well-directed work." -- Golden Days.

Not Law, But Gospel.

Clergymen of the past often had raits of individuality which are perhaps not so common at the present day, Archbishop Sumner was once holding confirmation in an English parish church, when he observed that a number of people were standing in the aisles, although several pews were empty. He stopped the service, and asked the reason.

"The pews are private property," anwered a man, "and they're shut up." "There can be no such thing," said the bishop, authoritatively. "Let the pews be opened."

"We can't open 'em!" shouted some one. "They're locked." "Is there a blacksmith here?" "Yes, my lord."

"Very well, let him remove the locks. A hymn shall be sung meanwhile." So the locks were removed, the augood-natured and companionable, and glad of it, of course, but I can't see tion went on .-- Youth's Companion

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